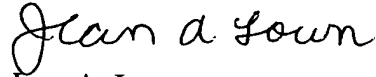


Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is earnestly requested.

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